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SUBJECT: GOC PROTESTS DEPARTMENT COMMENTS ON DENKTASH
STATEMENT

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, CYPRUS
EMBASSY COUNSELOR ANGELIDES CALLED ON EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY BARBOUR MAY 24 TO DELIVER FOLLOWING NOTE VERBALE:
BEGIN TEXT:
THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS PRESENTS ITS COMPLI-
MENTS TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOR TO
BRING TO THEIR URGENT ATTENTION THE FOLLOWING, IN PURSU-
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ANCE OF AN ORAL PROTEST WHICH THE AMBASSADOR OF CYPRUS
MR. N. DIMITRIOU, HAS LODGED WITH THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY MR. R. BARBOUR, YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

THE EMBASSY, ON INSTRUCTIONS, WISHES TO PROTEST AGAINST
THE STATEMENT MADE TO THE PRESS ON MAY 23, 1978, BY THE
OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, REGARDING THE

STATEMENT OF MR. RAOUF DENKTASH, AND EXPRESSES SURPRISE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, HASTENED TO TAKE A POSITION IN SUPPORT OF THE VIEWS OF MR. DENKTASH. IN THE VIEW OF THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S STATEMENT ATTEMPTS TO PREJUDICE THE ONGOING CONSULTATIONS OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL DR. WALDHEIM, WITH THE PARTIES INVOLVED, AND EVEN APPEARS TO BE PROJECTING THE TURKISH VIEWS BY MAKING AVAIL-

ABLE MR. DENKTASH'S STATEMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS CONSIDERS THIS ACTION AS PREJUDICING GRAVELY ITS EFFORTS TO PRESENT TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION THE TRUE NATURE OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS AND, THEREFORE, CONSIDERS IT TO BE COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE.

MR. DENKTASH'S STATEMENT IS OBVIOUSLY DISTORTING THE TRUE FACTS AS TO LEAVE NO DOUBT OF HIS REAL OBJECTIVES, THAT OF DECEIVING PUBLIC OPINION. HIS STATEMENT CHANGES ABSOLUTELY NOTHING CONTAINED IN THE RECENT TURKISH PROPOSALS. IT IS ONLY A WINDOW-DRESSING.

FINALLY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS CONSIDERS THAT ACTIONS OF THIS NATURE ARE NOT IN THE SPIRIT OF THE EXISTING FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S.A. AND CYPRUS AND SHOULD BE AVOIDED.(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING) END TEXT.
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2. DEPTOFF SAID THAT WE TOOK NOTE OF GOC POSITION EXPRESSED HERE AND WOULD GIVE IT SERIOUS ATTENTION. HE REITERATED REMARKS HE HAD MADE PREVIOUS EVENING TO CYPRUS AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU (SEPT), NAMELY THAT WE CONSIDERED WHAT DENKTASH HAD TO SAY AS POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING AND AS PROVIDING SOME CLARIFICATION. WE THOUGHT THAT HIS STATEMENT SHOULD BE SEEN AS CONTRIBUTING TO THE EFFORTS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL, NOT AS WORKING AGAINST THEM. WE HAD CONSIDERED IT APPROPRIATE TO COMMENT ON THE STATEMENT IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE SO OFTEN CALLED UPON BY THE PARTIES AND BY THE CONGRESS TO GIVE OUR OPINION ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE. DEPTOFF STRESSED THAT OUR GOAL WAS TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND THAT WHAT WE HAD DONE IN THIS INSTANCE SHOULD BE SEEN AS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOC AND OURSELVES.

3. IN RESPONDING, ANGELIDES REITERATED GOC VIEW THAT THERE WAS NOTHING NEW IN DENKTASH'S STATEMENT. HE ASSERTED THAT U.S. SHOULD HAVE PRODDED DENKTASH TO MAKE MORE CONCESSIONS RATHER THAN LEADING HIM TO BELIEVE, THROUGH OUR

COMMENTS, THAT HE HAD ALREADY DONE ENOUGH. DEPTOFF NOTED THAT TURKISH CYPRIOTS' REPETITION OF THEIR READINESS TO NEGOTIATE IN EARNEST WAS HELPING THEM IN PUBLIC OPINION, AND HE GAVE PERSONAL VIEW THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE BEING SEEN INCREASINGLY AS THE INTRANSIGENT PARTY.

4. ANGELIDES INQUIRED ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH DENKTASH. DEPTOFF SAID THAT WE HAD ONLY SKETCHY REPORTS

THUS FAR, BUT DENKTASH HAD STRESSED HIS DESIRE TO BE FORTHCOMING AND HAD SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO MOVE TOWARDS A "MUTUALLY-AGREEABLE SETTLEMENT." DENKTASH HAD ALSO BEEN POSITIVE ON VAROSHA. CHRISTOPHER

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